

# THE DIAMOND DRILL

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## COUNTY SYSTEM FOR POOR RELIEF

**SUPERVISORS ADOPT IT AT A  
MEETING LAST SATURDAY**

**GAVE FAIR THREE THOUSAND**

**Decided Not to Join With Other  
Counties in Erection of T. B. C.  
Sanitarium**

Iron county will, after April 1 next, go back to the county system of poor relief. The supervisors at the meeting held last Saturday decided by a big majority to adopt the central system and as soon as the present year for which the townships have provided their money for poor relief, expires, the county poor commissioners will take charge of all of the poor relief of the county as well as the work they are looking after in connection with the poor farm.

The action of the board came as the result of a report made by a committee appointed by the board at its first meeting of the year. The committee consisted of three members of the board of supervisors and three civilians who were charged with investigating the systems of poor relief and report to the board at the annual meeting.

The general committee divided into sub-committees one of the sub-committees being appointed to investigate the advantages of a central, or county system of poor relief as compared with a township system. The committee consisted of Thomas Conlin, of Crystal Falls, Charles E. Lawrence of Palatka and Paul N. Minckler of Iron River. This committee made a report showing the amount paid for all forms of poor relief in Iron county, the three items being widows' pensions, county poor charges and township poor relief. The report showed that the total of all relief is about \$33,000 per year.

**Advises Manager System.**  
The committee came to the conclusion that the county system is the best form for Iron county to adopt as it will not only assure more adequate distribution of relief, but it will also relieve the supervisors from the troublesome widows' pension as the probate judge will then have some central authority to which he can refer all claims for help.

In addition to advising that the entire poor relief of the county be turned over to the poor commission, the committee further advised that the commissioners be required to hire a man to distribute this relief who is to give his entire time to that work. That is what is known as the manager system and is in vogue in a number of places where the public authorities are seeking efficiency in public expenditures.

The change will not take place until (Continued on Page Five.)

### A BIG SUCCESS.

The art exhibit at Forest Park auditorium is one of the biggest successes of the school's undertaking. It is purely an educational treat. The reproductions of masterpieces number about 200, and no man, woman or child should allow these pictures to leave Crystal Falls without spending some time in studying them.

The auditorium is open for the study of pictures morning and afternoon, and from 7 to 8 o'clock in the evening. Saturday night is the last, and promises to be the big night.

The following program has been arranged:

A Toy Shop—Fantasy, High School Girl's Glee Club.

Solo Dance—By a French Doll.

Folk Dances—French Reel, Vineyard Dance, Seventh and Eighth Grade Girls.

Pose Pictures—Knitting Lesson, Milet.

Her Tribute—Kline.

Solo Dance—The Hussar, Miss Gath.

Pose Pictures—Whistler's Mother, Whistler.

Pot of Basil—Alexander.

Program Notes—Miss Harris.

If reports be true, and we have no doubt they are, Captain Alfred Martin is the champion potato grower in these parts. From two bushels of seed he dug fifty-two bushels of fine potatoes.

### PAID FOR THE WHISTLE.

**Council Passes the Bill Over Mayor Gaffney's Veto Monday Night.**

The whistle incident is closed. Mr. Webb got his money last Monday night and the city decks are cleared of that encumbrance.

Mr. Webb came down from Marquette to be present at the meeting, and after the meeting was opened he was allowed to address the council in his own behalf.

Following the talk of Mr. Webb, a motion was made to pass the bill over the mayor's veto and five voted for it and one against it. Those voting for the bill were Pengelase, Nelson, Axelsson, Meisler and Klesges. Alderman Shiels voted "No."

Mayor Gaffney vetoed the paying of this claim after it had been allowed at the last meeting. His reasons for vetoing it were that the siren which was actually furnished to the city was not the one contracted for.

According to the law the council had a right to pass this claim over the mayor's veto, and as a big majority of them were in favor of so doing the motion went through.

### COMMISSION DOINGS.

**Has Met and Organized for Work  
Compiling the New Charter.**

The commission to write a charter for the city of Crystal Falls met last Saturday evening for the purpose of organizing. The organization was perfected by the election of the following officers:

Chairman—Hon. M. H. Moriarty.  
Vice Chairman—E. S. Bridges.  
Secretary—Ben. C. Neely.

City Clerk Gribble is the clerk of the commission under the law and he was instructed to write at once to cities having commission charters and get copies for use by the Crystal Falls commission.

At a meeting held on Tuesday evening the law under which the city is now governed was read over and considered by the commission. The commissioners will get right down to business and expect to have a draft of the charter to report in about sixty days.

### MASS MEETING OF WOMEN.

**Called for Next Monday Night at the  
City Hall Rest Room.**

The committee having in charge the soliciting for subscriptions to the Liberty Loan Bonds requests the women of Crystal Falls to meet next Monday evening at 8:00 o'clock in the rest room of the city hall there to talk over plans for a close canvass of the city for subscribers to the Liberty Loan Bonds.

The women of Crystal Falls are interested in keeping pace with their neighbors in other parts of the state, and at this meeting some plan will be evolved and women appointed to take subscriptions to the bonds. Every patriotic woman is asked to turn out and do her bit.

### JUDGE FLANNIGAN INDISPOSED.

From Delta county we learn that our circuit judge, Richard C. Flannigan, is not occupying the bench in Escanaba this week and that Judge O'Brien of Houghton county is there in his stead.

In explanation of Judge Flannigan's absence we are told that he is somewhat indisposed and has gone away for a short rest. His illness is not so severe as to cause any alarm, however.

### RECRUITS COMING BACK.

Six Menominee county recruits who were sent to Camp Custer have returned as they failed to pass the physical examination at the camp. After the boys got in camp they are again examined by the army physicians and it is understood that the examination there is much more severe than it is before the local board.

So far only one Iron county man has been sent back.

### TO RED CROSS WORKERS.

The Red Cross shop in the basement of the city hall will be open every afternoon of next week, and all day Wednesday and Thursday to receive work. If the work that is promised is turned in our quota will be more than filled. Please bring in your work at the earliest possible date, so that if possible, a shipment may be made Monday.

## R. C. HAS DONE MUCH WORK

**IRON CO. CHAPTER HAS BEEN  
BUSY UP TO DATE**

**AMASA CONTRIBUTES \$93.00**

**All County Units Are "Digging In"  
and Every Corner of the County  
is Being Solicited**

Chairman Richards of the Iron county chapter of the Red Cross, contributes a report to this issue of The Diamond Drill in order to refute some of the statements made in contributions and interviews published in former issues. Mr. Richards goes into detail in showing what work has been done by the several units of the county chapter, and the showing is certainly a creditable one.

### Captain Richard's Report.

Crystal Falls, Mich. Oct. 18, 1917.

Editor Diamond Drill:  
Will you kindly find room in your paper for the following statement of knitted articles and surgical and hospital supplies promised and ready to be shipped by the Iron county chapter of the American Red Cross:

Iron River Branch—100 sweaters, 123 pair socks, 112 mufflers, 131 pair of wristlets.

Crystal Falls Branch—191 sweaters, 126 mufflers, 104 pair socks, 102 wristlets, 2 helmets.

Alpha Branch—5 sweaters, 5 mufflers, 6 pair socks, 5 wristlets.

Amasa Branch—10 sweaters, 15 mufflers, 20 pair socks, 12 pair wristlets.

Crystal Falls, Alpha and Amasa Branches—24 hospital shirts, 129 shoulder straps, 38 bed socks, 48 hot water bottle covers.

Crystal Falls Branch—4 doz. huck towels, 3 doz. bath towels, 3 dozen sheets, 2 doz. pillow cases, 16 dozen 9 foot gauze compresses, 34 dozen 4 ft. gauze compresses, 2 dozen 2 ft 2 yard gauze drains, 2 dozen 1 foot 2 yd. gauze drains, 2 doz 1/2 foot 1 yd. gauze drains, 2 1/2 doz 12 foot sq. laparotomy pads, 2 1/2 doz 6 ft laparotomy pads, 3 doz. 3 yd 4 foot gauze rolls, 3 doz 1 yd. 4 foot gauze rolls, 42 doz. 4 foot square gauze wipes, or sponges, 10 dozen 2 foot gauze wipes, or sponges, 4 dozen abdominal bandages or binders, 4 dozen 3 foot flannel bandages, 3-ft wide, 5 yds long, 2 1/2 doz. 4 foot flannel bandages, 4 foot wide, 5 yards long, 4 doz head bandages, 4 tailed, 1 1/2 dozen muslin bandages, 3 foot by 7 yards, 2 1/2 doz muslin bandages, 4 foot by 7 yards, 3 dozen T bandages, 5 only fracture or splint pillows, 8 doz. oakum pads.

Iron River Branch—41 pairs bed socks, 33 hospital sheets, 56 shoulder wraps, and a large amount of similar work being made, but not yet reported.

In addition to the above items fifty comfort kits and twenty sewing kits have been made by the Crystal Falls branch of the chapter, and were either given to the boys before they left the county, or were sent to them at the different training camps.

On account of what was published in the last two issues of The Diamond Drill, we feel there is some explanation necessary. We are sure that what was said was in the kindest spirit and with the best intentions. The above statement of work done is sufficient evidence that there are no slackers among the women in Crystal Falls and the Iron county chapter, but rather, they are entitled to a great deal of credit for what they have done. It is true the Iron River branch had half of the county quota ready a week before the Crystal Falls quota was ready, and the ladies of Iron River are deserving of all the credit possible to give them. The people of Crystal Falls congratulate them on their wonderful showing. The Iron River members of the Red Cross are very industrious and ambitious wherever you see them they have their knitting with them, which indeed shows a very commendable spirit.

The Crystal Falls members have been equally as busy, but in some cases in other ways. They have devoted a great deal of time to the making of surgical dressings and hospital supplies, comfort kits, etc., while they

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### TO REGULATE SOLICITING.

**Business Men Take Action to Protect  
Themselves Against Imposition.**

The Crystal Falls business men have taken action to protect themselves against imposition in the matter of soliciting for money among them by all kinds of persons and for all kinds of purposes. There has been more soliciting among Crystal Falls business men this year than ever in the history of the place, and things came to such a pass that some concerted action to regulate things had to be taken.

At the meeting last Thursday evening a report of the managing committee, which body had been considering the question, reported in favor of a permanent standing committee, to whom all requests for aid must be referred for investigation before there will be any response from the business men, was unanimously adopted.

Chairman Bridges appointed upon this committee James R. Flood, W. H. Rezin and James F. Corcoran. A blank will be furnished this committee. Any person wishing to solicit among the business men can call upon this committee, state their case and the committee will investigate and issue a certificate to the person giving their decision. Business men hereafter, when approached for a donation, will ask for the certificate of the committee and will be guided by the finding of this committee in response to the request.

### EASTERN STAR OFFICERS.

The following are the new officers: Worthy grand matron, Ida M. Hunt; worthy grand patron, G. Roscoe Swift; Adrian; associate grand matron, Eva J. Snow; Ludington; associate grand patron, Lou B. Winsor; Read City; grand secretary, Eva S. Goodrich; Ann Arbor; grand treasurer, Jennie Newell; Fenton; grand conductress, Gertrude Parkhurst; Grand Rapids; associate grand conductress, Frances Watson, Breckenridge.

Adah, Jessie Nesbitt, Durand; Ruth Harriett L. Cutler, Luther; Esther, Ina Moore, Lake View; Martha, Laura Fouch, Fenville; Electa, Norah Mooney, Cadillac; chaplain, Clara B. Abbott, Ovid; marshal, Ada Briggs, Detroit; warder, Addie, Alvea, Trenton; sentinel, James Fisher, Houghton; organist, Aletta C. McDaniel, Frankfort.

### REPORT CLOSES MILL.

John Flannigan of the Sagola Lumber Co., was in Crystal Falls last Saturday night and told a reporter for The Diamond Drill that there is absolutely no truth to the report that the Sagola Lumber Co. had taken a sawing contract for the Sawyer Goodman Co.

"Not only is the report a fake, but it has resulted in the shutting down of our mill, for when our men heard of it they refused to work on Sawyer Goodman logs and left our employ, so that we haven't been running our mill for several weeks."

### A WOMAN'S MEETING.

There will be a public meeting held at the city hall Saturday Oct. 27 from 3 to 6 o'clock p. m. Various speakers will present the following topics: "What American Women Have Sacrificed and Done for Our Country in Previous Wars," "Are We Willing to Have a Meatless Day and a Wheatless Day in Crystal Falls?" Give a talk and answer questions. All patriotic-American women will make an effort to attend this meeting. Bring the baby with you if you otherwise must stay at home. A pencil and paper will be necessary in copying recipes. Food may win the war!

### GEO. BURT RECEIVES HEAVY FINE

George Burt, who resides near Gibbs City, was arrested about a month ago for killing deer out of season. The case had been adjourned several times but was finally settled last week by the defendant being fined \$95 and costs. In default of payment was sentenced to serve 60 days in the county jail. The defendant was allowed 60 days from last Friday to pay the fine and costs, and failing to come across with the money he was to serve out his sentence of 60 days.—Iron River-Stambaugh Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Croghan and Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Conlin attended the patriotic meeting held at Iron River last Monday.

## GET BEHIND THE LIBERTY LOAN

**EVERY MAN WITH \$50 SAVED UP  
SHOULD INVEST IT IN A BOND**

**SHOW YOU'RE AN AMERICAN**

**The Quick Ending of the War Depends Upon the Supplying of  
Money For Preparation**

Do you want the war to end very soon? Of course you do. Well, there is a way to bring it to an end soon and that is for every man, woman and child who has \$50 or more laid away to buy a Liberty Bond with their savings. You, reader, can help to end this war if you will. You can do it by sitting around and wishing it will end. Wishing never got anybody anywhere. The way to end it is to help lick the Kaiser for this war isn't going to end until he gets his knockout blow. You can help give him that blow if you will. Will you?

### Seek Three Billion.

This Liberty Loan amounts to \$3,000,000,000 and may be expanded to \$5,000,000,000 depending upon how freely the people come across with their money. The money is needed to equip our army, to transport the soldiers to France.

The United States is depended upon to deliver the knock-out blow to the Germans next spring. The government wants to get enough men on the firing line so that when Uncle Sam strikes the line they'll hit it hard.

War cannot be run without money anywhere any more than any other business and the American people are the ones to furnish the money. You, reader, want to be classed as an American citizen, don't you. You must earn the title. You can't go to the front, but you can help the fellow who has gone to the front to get a gun, clothing, food. It's your duty, to do that and while you're doing your duty you will at the same time be making a nice investment for the government pays you 4 per cent on the money you loan to it.

The Kaiser and his Junker lieutenants have staked their hand upon the belief that American people are not loyal to their government, they believe that the American soldier will be rendered useless by a lot of German sympathizers in their rear, many of them in the pay of the German secret service. Do you know what that means? It means simply this: If you have \$50 or more saved up and you fail to buy a Liberty Bond with it the Kaiser has you in his card index as a pro-German, a traitor to your country. Do you want to be classed thus?

The government has set apart 30 days for this loan to be taken. The month of October is to be devoted to that work. Last Wednesday the sum of three billion dollars had been subscribed. Two billion more must come in before the end of the month if the loan is to be a success.

### Ask \$331,000 of Iron County.

Iron county is asked to subscribe \$331,000 towards the buying of these bonds. It is a big sum of money, but it can be dug up in the county if the people will all respond. Remember that when you buy a bond you get something upon which you can realize at any time you wish to turn it into money. The bonds are salable at any time. The 3 1/2 per cent bonds purchased last May have increased so in value that they are now quoted above par. That's the kind of security you get for your money.

Iron River and Stambaugh alive to the importance of holding up the honor of Iron county. Shall Crystal Falls lag? There is money enough right in this community to take our share of these bonds; the thing is to get it out. This appeal to buy bonds isn't meant for the business man, but for the workingman; the miner who is laying away a few dollars every month for a rainy day. He's the fellow we are addressing ourselves to. Every \$100 bond is registered. You can't lose it. Buy a \$50 bond if you can't buy more, but if you can, buy all you can.

Subscriptions should be made at the Iron County National Bank or the Alpha National Bank. Get busy with your money!

### POTATO CROP POOR.

**Iron County Crop Will Not Average  
With Last Year.**

Last year Iron County had a potato crop that was one of the best in its history and among the best of any section in the United States. This year the crop is not as good as one of the average years and the principal reason seems to be that the frost of last August caught the potatoes at a time when they were at a very critical point. Owing to the late spring all potatoes were late and the early frost got them when they needed about two weeks more of growth.

Many of our farmers have good sized potatoes, but the yield is small, the consensus of opinion being that the average in this county is about half a crop.

Almost all of the potatoes that were caught by the early frost are exceedingly small. The potato experts say that these potatoes will make as good seed as any other; that they are not too small potatoes, but immature potatoes. On this theory the county will dig the potatoes that were planted by the food committee on the Alpha road although many of them are no larger than marbles. These potatoes will be housed in the warehouse and distributed for seed next year.

Some excellent potatoes grown from seed cuttings, parings and other experimental seeds are being brought in every day and it is probable that there will be more genuine education for potato growers in this line at the coming show than has been available at any other exhibition of its kind in years.

### JAMES PLEASED AUDIENCE.

The address of W. Frank James to the business men at the luncheon given at the Lockwood House a week ago Thursday was very favorably commented upon by all who were present. Places were set for fifty-three members and guests, and after a three-course luncheon Mr. James was introduced to the audience by Thomas Conlin, chairman of the managing committee of the association who was acting in place of Chairman Bridges who was too ill to be present.

Mr. James spoke for over an hour on matters relating to the war and on the work of Congress. His audience was very appreciative and heartily applauded Mr. James' interesting talk.

The next social session will be held on October 8 when a prominent railroad official will probably be present and talk to the business men on transportation matters in general.

The managing committee is planning a top-liner in either December or January when the members will be privileged to bring their wives with them to the luncheon. The committee has in mind some of the best talent in the state and is sure to have a man that will attract at that time.

### JAMES ZERBEL.

Announcement was made Saturday evening of the marriage of Miss Lenor James of Crystal Falls, to Arthur Zerbel of this city. Mrs. Zerbel announced the wedding at a party in the home of Mrs. Sudell, Lee street, and Mr. Zerbel announced it at a dinner at the Marguerite club.

They were married in Escanaba, July 14, but they thought they would not "spring it" on their friends until a later date.

Mrs. Zerbel has been engaged as bookkeeper at the Marquette National bank for several months and has made many friends who wish her happiness.

Mr. Zerbel is employed in the clerical department of the L. S. & I. railroad.

Mrs. Zerbel will continue her duties in the bank until the first of November, after which she and Mr. Zerbel will go to housekeeping.—Marquette Chronicle.

### PROF. HILL ON COMMITTEE.

At the recent meeting of the Upper Peninsula Educational Association, Prof. W. D. Hill of this city, was chosen a member of the executive committee, and Marquette was chosen as the next place of meeting. The officers elected were as follows:

President—Supt. T. W. Clemo, Marquette.

Secretary—Prof. G. L. Brown, Marquette.

Treasurer—Supt. G. G. Malcolm, of Sault Ste Marie.

Executive Committee—Jesse Hubbard, Menominee; Supt. W. D. Hill, Crystal Falls.